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LE CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL A TRINIDAD.

Notre collaborateur Mr. H. C. C. Astwood, Editeur du LOUISIANNAIS, vient de recevoir du Gouvernement Fédéral, l'appointement de Consul Général à Trinidad. Mr. Astwood a déjà rendu de grands services aux Républicains en Louisiane, c'est un homme de beaucoup d'intelligence et de moralité, et qui certainement remplira ses fonctions avec honneur et profit pour les Etats-Unis. Les Etats-Unis ont besoin d'établir avec les régions du Sud, des relations commerciales qui doivent amener de bons résultats. M. Astwood, homme entreprenant et sobre, comprendra de bonne heure comment procéder pour donner de l'élan à la doctrine Monroe, c'est-à-dire, la conduite des voies postales, le traité de commerce, etc. Dans des climats tels que ceux des Antilles le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis a besoin d'hommes qui sont au courant des commerces particuliers de ces îles, et qui par leur naissance, leur éducation, peuvent sans crainte, en affronter les dangers. Ceux des races française et espagnole, nés dans cette latitude-ci sont à même de se déplacer sans risques. Il y a en Louisiane une quantité d'hommes respectables et capables, comprenant entièrement tout ce qu'il faut pour les intérêts réciproques des Etats-Unis et des Antilles, qui accepteraient du Gouvernement un Consulat. Il a été prouvé que les Etats-Unis avaient de la difficulté à maintenir dans ces régions tropicales, des hommes du Nord ou de l'Est. Si toutefois le Gouvernement Fédéral tient encore des appointements de Consuls, pour les ports de ces îles, qu'il tourne un peu les yeux de notre côté, et sans aucune difficulté, il lui sera recommandé, des hommes familiers avec le commerce, les nécessités de ces endroits; des hommes de hautes considérations et éminemment capables de représenter leur pays.

M. Astwood, nous le répétons, comprend les obligations qui lui incombent, et nous ne doutons pas qu'il remplisse avec honneur, la haute mission que lui confie le Gouvernement.

AVIS AUX AMATEURS.—La société la Providence donne son dernier bal, Samedi 18 Février, salle des Frères-Amis, rue Robertson, entre St. Antoine et Bagatelle, 5ème District. Admission, cavaliers, 50 sous. Mr. E. J. Duplessis, directeur.

La société des JEUNES AMIS entre la saison "d'été" avec leur grand Bal Paré et à Caracoles, Lundi 20 Février, à la salle Maconique, coin St. Pierre et St. Claude. Il n'y a rien qui ait été ménagé, afin de faire de ce bal quelque chose de grandiose, musique, toilette, rafraichissements, tout enfin, qui promet une agréable soirée. Cavaliers 50 sous. Nos remerciements aux messieurs du comité d'invitation pour leur bon souvenir.

Comme les grandes puissances maritimes d'Europe, le Danemark, lui aussi va avoir sa ligne de steamers transatlantiques sur les Etats-Unis.

Le steamer à hélice le Geyser, pionnier de cette ligne, est arrivé de Copenhague à New York. Il appartient à la Compagnie Thingwall, formée récemment par des capitalistes danois, parmi lesquels se trouve le fondateur de la Grande Compagnie des télégraphes du Nord, dont les fils s'étendent depuis l'Angleterre jusqu'au Pacifique, en traversant toute l'Asie.

REVUE POLITIQUE.

Une discussion va probablement s'engager à Washington sur la question de savoir si M. Blaine avait pu le droit de proposer la réunion d'une conférence des délégués de toutes les républiques des deux Amériques. Les sénateurs et les représentants sont d'avis que M. Blaine n'avait pas le droit de tenter cette aventure, et que le Congrès aurait dû être consulté par le Président avant l'envoi de la circulaire. Si celle-ci ne provoquait pas une protestation de la part du Congrès, ce fait créerait un précédent dont on pourrait plus tard se prévaloir pour entraîner le pays dans des complications dangereuses sans la sanction du Congrès.

M. Springer, de l'Illinois, doit demander à la Chambre de voter une demande de renseignements à cet égard. On prie le président de faire savoir à la Chambre, d'abord si la circulaire adressée aux Républiques américaines est authentique, et ensuite, dans quel article de la constitution, le gouvernement a trouvé un texte qui pût l'autoriser à lancer cette invitation et à engager ainsi les Etats-Unis dans une politique d'aventures.

On trouve à Washington que plus la circulaire Blaine est étudiée, plus elle paraît absurde et déplacée. Et on a acquis la certitude que le ministre des affaires étrangères en est le seul auteur responsable. On a constaté en effet, que dans le message annuel du Président, il n'est fait aucune allusion à cette circulaire ni au projet de conférence. Le Président, s'il eût entamé lui-même les négociations, les eût signalées au Congrès. Il en aurait fait mention dans son message et aurait exposé les raisons et les précédents dont il s'autorisait. Son silence tend à confirmer le fait que la circulaire a été expédiée par M. Blaine sans l'agrément de M. Arthur.

Il est à remarquer que cette circulaire est datée du 29 novembre, —peu de jours avant la réunion du Congrès.

M. Blaine a écrit une très longue lettre au président Arthur au sujet de la note circulaire du 29 novembre, qui proposait une conférence des républiques sud-américaines.

On sait que M. Frelinghuysen a contremandé cette invitation et abandonné un impôt que le gouvernement, la presse et l'opinion s'accordaient à regarder comme absurde. M. Blaine s'efforce de répondre aux critiques dont sa circulaire est l'objet, mais il n'y réussit guère.

Les journaux accusaient encore leur blâme.

"La nation ne veut pas de guerre, dit le Sun. On peut affirmer aujourd'hui que derrière la "politique éternelle" M. Blaine, il y avait une intention formelle de provoquer la guerre entre quelque puissance étrangère et les Etats-Unis. Sans cette explication, il n'est pas facile de comprendre les actes de M. Blaine pendant son passage aux affaires. Toutes ses paroles se ressentent de ce souffle belliqueux, tous ses actes tendaient à troubler nos relations avec les nations amies.

Le Sun ajoute: "Si la Providence avait accordé à M. Blaine autant de mois de pouvoir qu'il a eu de semaines, personne ne doute que maintenant nous serions en guerre avec d'autres gouvernements.

"M. Blaine n'est pourtant pas un imbécile; mais c'est un homme d'une imagination audacieuse, qui range la guerre au nombre des outils dont un politicien peut se servir pour atteindre son but. Sans doute, il a pensé que le moment était venu pour le pays où la guerre serait populaire, étant donné les gros contrats et le grand brassement d'affaires qu'elle peut offrir

aux entrepreneurs politiques. Il essaie maintenant d'expliquer tant bien que mal son erreur.

"La notable incursion de M. Blaine sur le terrain de la politique extérieure aura eu pour résultat de mettre hors de question le fait que le peuple américain ne veut pas la guerre et ne tolérera pas qu'aucun politicien, pour gagner des votes, nous jette dans des embarras extérieurs."

La lettre adressée par M. Blaine au président Arthur pour défendre son projet de conférence internationale des républiques américaines et pour critiquer l'abandon de ce projet, sert encore de thème aux commentaires des journaux. Le Sun s'attache à montrer combien les critiques de M. Blaine sont illogiques, il fait ressortir l'absurdité du projet de conférence.

"M. Blaine, dit-il, tente d'assimiler son projet de conférence à l'arbitrage jadis exercé, dans certaines circonstances, par les Etats-Unis. Mais quand nous avons agi comme arbitre, c'était parce que notre médiation avait été invoquée par les deux parties en cause. Il n'en est pas de même dans les complications existantes. Nul doute que le Guatemala aurait vu d'un bon œil notre intervention dans sa querelle de frontière avec le Mexique, et que le Pérou aurait bien accueilli notre médiation dans la guerre avec le Chili, surtout si M. Blaine avait été médiateur. Mais nous sommes encore à attendre la demande d'arbitrage du Mexique et du Chili. Il est certain cependant que le Chili et le Mexique auraient encore préféré s'en remettre à l'unique arbitrage des Etats-Unis plutôt qu'à la décision d'une conférence dans laquelle leurs adversaires auraient disposé de quatre ou cinq fois plus de voix qu'eux-mêmes.

"La conférence dont M. Blaine déplore l'abandon dans sa lettre au président Arthur, dit encore le Sun, est fait de propos délibéré un affront à la Grande Bretagne en excluant le Canada de la confédération des Etats américains. Quant au prétendu but d'établir un tribunal international, comme nous l'avons montré, il ne pouvait aboutir qu'à une démonstration aussi ridicule que vaine. La dignité et l'indépendance des Etats-Unis ne seraient amoindries par le refus de donner suite à un projet absurde et téméraire." — Messenger Franco-Américain.

CHOSSES ET AUTRES.

Quelqu'un ayant demandé à Démocrite qu'elle était la première qualité de l'orateur?

—L'action, répondit-il.—Et la seconde? —L'action.—Et la troisième? —Encore l'action.

Trop de l'attribution.

L'Eglise compte depuis quelques jours un nouveau saint; le vénérable Alphonse d'Orozo, originaire d'Espagne, que personne ne connaît—peut-être est-ce à lui qu'on doit l'invention des horoscopes?

Cet Orozo devait être un bien petit personnage, car, cette fois, l'Eglise ne s'est pas mise en frais. C'est à peine si l'eucens, brûlé en son honneur, a dû lui chatouiller les narines.

Détail amusant: L'ambassadeur d'Espagne assistait à la cérémonie et y occupait la place d'honneur, comme "compatriote du nouveau bienheureux."

Sur le boulevard, entre deux maris:

—Comment, tu permets à ta femme d'aller seule au bal de l'Opéra?

—Certainement, mon cher, seulement je prends mes petites précautions, je lui offre à souper à minuit avec des écrevisses à la provençale; l'ail est excellent... comme mesure défensive.

Guibollard est atteint de la fièvre.

MAIS L'INCONTE MINCE.

—Je t'en prie, calme-toi, fait madame Guibollard, tu sais le proverbe: il ne faut pas courir deux fièvres à la fois.

BULLETIN.

Commencé le 26 Novembre.

LES

NUITS DE LA MAISON DOREE.

PAR

PONSON DU TERRAIL.

VI.

Mais le lendemain, au coucher du soleil, comme la chaise de poste traversait une forêt épaisse et sombre, un coup de feu retentit, une balle siffla et un des chevaux, atteint dans le chanfrein, tomba mortellement frappé.

En même temps quatre hommes le visage couvert de masques noirs s'élançèrent sur la route et entourèrent la voiture.

Le comte Victor sauta à terre pour se défendre, mais il regagna un coup de pistolet presque à bout portant et fut renversé mourant sous les pieds des chevaux.

En même temps son meurtrier se démasqua et courut à Jeanne évanouie, murmurant:

—J'ai tué ton séducteur, mais comme il faut que mon honneur soit sauf, je te condamne à une prison éternelle. Tu es morte pour le monde entier.

VII.

—A présent, madame, dit encore le major, reportons-nous à dix années plus tard.

Jeanne vit enfermée en un manoir de Bretagne.

Elle n'a jamais revu le comte Victor est-il mort ou vivant?

Ses geôliers ne le lui diront jamais.

Mais Jeanne est devenue mère. Elle a un fils de dix ans qu'elle nomme Raymond.

Ce fils est toute sa joie, tout son bonheur. C'est la vivante image de son père. C'est le comte Victor de B... à dix ans.

Eh bien! la malheureuse femme, brisée en son amour, verra son dernier bonheur perdu.

Une rivière profonde passe au bout du parc de ce manoir converti en prison.

Un matin, l'enfant disparaît... on retrouve sa blouse et sa casquette flottant sur la rivière.

L'enfant s'est noyé!

A ces derniers mots, Jeanne l'aveugle pousse un cri terrible, le cri de la mère dont le cœur endormi par la douleur se réveille tout à coup.

Mais, tout à coup aussi, le major lui serra énergiquement la main.

—Soyez forte! madame, dit-il, forte contre la joie comme vous l'avez été contre la douleur... votre fils ne s'est point noyé!

Et comme elle se levait tremblante, éperdue, folle, éblouie, les mains devant elle et s'écriant:

—Oh! quel rêve je fais!... Le major ajouta:

—Votre fils vit, madame, et je vous le rendrai!...

—Vous! vous! dit-elle en tombant à genoux et joignant les mains.

—Moi, dit-il, et je vous l'amènerai!...

L'aveugle tremblait de tous ses membres et fondait en larmes.

Ella était à genoux, ses yeux étaient tournés vers le ciel, ses mains jointes... et parfois elle murmurait:

—Mon Dieu! faites que je ne meure pas à présent!...

Et puis, soudain, le doute, un doute affreux traversa son esprit.

—Et qui me dit, fit-elle en se dressant tout à coup, qui me dit que vous ne me trompez pas?... Votre fils sera dans vos bras ce soir même, répondit le major avec

un accent si convaincu, que Jeanne eut foi en lui.

—Je vous crois, dit-elle. Puis elle continua à pleurer.

—Mais, madame, reprit le major, il ne suffit pas que je vous affirme l'existence de votre fils, il faut encore que je vous dise comment vous avez pu croire à sa mort. Il faut que vous m'écoutez encore.

—Oh! parlez, parlez! dit-elle, maintenant parlez-moi de mon fils!...

—Le comte Victor de B... madame, semblait avoir l'âme obéissante au corps. Il ne montra pas plus du coup de pistolet tiré sur lui par votre frère qu'il n'était mort de la balle qui lui avait traversé la poitrine deux années auparavant.

Mais ce fut en vain qu'il remua ciel et terre, lorsqu'il fut rétabli, pour vous retrouver.

Le marquis Gontran avait pris ses précautions.

Au bout de dix années, il se maria, désespérant de vous retrouver jamais; son union fut stérile.

Pour le monde entier, le comte Victor de la B... était devenu l'homme heureux entre tous. Le mort de son père et de son frère s'était lavé fait due et pair. Il avait une grande fortune, et cependant un ver rongeur dévorait sa vie...

Il n'avait pas d'enfants, il n'en aurait jamais... et il versait pleurs comme mort.

Un jour un homme qui avait disparu depuis dix années, un homme qu'il croyait mort aussi, se présenta chez lui.

C'était le marquis Gontran.

—Ah! s'écria le duc Victor, c'est vous enfin!

Venez donc, et, cette fois, c'est moi qui vous tuerai!...

—Vous vous trompez, ricana le marquis. Ce n'est plus votre vie qu'il faut à ma vengeance. C'est une douleur terrible, éponévante que je vous réserverai... Jeanne est devenue mère... vous avez un fils... un fils que j'ai séparé d'elle... parce que vous ne puissiez le retrouver... un fils que vous ne verrez jamais.

Alors le duc oublia sa haine, il oublia que cet homme avait immolé à sa rançon le bonheur et la vie entière de sa sœur; il se jeta à ses genoux, il l'implora et le supplia...

Le marquis fut implacable.

—Tenez, lui dit-il, je veux cependant vous prouver que je ne suis point injuste et aveugle dans mes haines. Vous avez brisé mon bonheur de jeune homme et je me suis vengé! Mais sœur a déshonoré mon nom et elle a été punie... Mais cet enfant n'est point coupable, et je ne veux pas qu'il subisse un châtiment immérité.

Et comme le duc le regardait et l'écoutait avec avidité, il ajouta:

—Si j'étais encore riche, je ne m'adresserais point à vous. Mais je me suis ruiné au jeu et j'ai consacré les quatre mille livres de rente qui me restaient à assurer du pain à ma sœur. Voulez-vous me prendre pour intermédiaire auprès de votre fils. Vous me compterez cinquante mille livres tous les ans, et je pourrai à son éducation.

Le duc pria et supplia encore, il voulait vous revoir, il voulait voir son fils...

—Prenez garde! dit le marquis, si vous refusez, vous n'entendrez jamais parler de moi!...

Et le duc accepta, et c'est pour cela que votre fils, madame, votre Raymond est devenu un grand et beau jeune homme, bien élevé...

Jeanne l'aveugle écoutait toujours. Cependant ses lèvres s'entreouvraient et se refermaient avec hésitation.

Le major comprit qu'elle voulait et n'osait lui faire une question.

Ah! je devine, madame, dit-il, Vous voulez savoir si le duc...

—Oui, fit-elle d'un signe de tête.

—Hélas! il est mort, il y a deux ans, d'une attaque d'apoplexie, sans

avoir eu le temps de faire son testament.

—Mon Dieu! s'écria l'aveugle... Et mon fils?

—Votre fils est maintenant rétabli à la misère... et c'est pour cela que je suis venu... A Continuer.

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Mr. F. K. Jones has received his commission as Coiner of the Mint.

Dr. B. G. Kenny, of Red River Parish, member of the Stalwart delegation paid us a visit during the week.

Judge Hyman, has tendered to the Secretary of the Treasury his resignation as Surveyor of the Port.

A PRESS MEETING.

Last Saturday night in the office of the Sunday Item were gathered many of the representatives of the colored press who happened to be in the city. There were T. Thomas Fortune of the New York "Globe," R. C. Smith, his Washington Correspondent, W. G. Davis of the "Progressive American," Philip Joseph of the Mobile "Gazette," Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback, proprietor and H. C. O. Astwood editor of the LOUISIANIAN, Richard Nelson of the Galveston "Spectator," S. S. Lacy, D. L. Brooks and Rev. W. G. Colby, of the "Item," G. H. Richardson and J. W. Cromwell of the "Advocate." The meeting was mainly social in its nature, though there was much comparing of notes by which a mutual understanding as to future action in matters affecting the race was reached. Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback presided and D. L. Brooks was secretary. About ten o'clock the party adjourned to the Philadelphia House where joined by J. D. Kennedy, of the "Louisiana Republican," they partook of a lunch at the bounty of the local representatives present. Before they parted Mumm's Dry Verzenay appeared on the scene and those usually dull became animated if not brilliant in their utterances. Brief speeches were given by the representatives of different sections as to the progress of the people in their respective communities. As the Sabbath was approaching, the party separated at midnight. People's Advocate, Wash. D. C.

LEADERS TO THE FRONT!

If the signs of the times are not deceptive, the true leaders of the party in this State are coming to the front to take command of the Republican columns. The sudden awakening into activity of political organizations that have been sleeping in lethargy, the agitation of the impracticable old fossils, the alarm of the trembling imbeciles, and the enthusiasm of the Spartan band of active Republicans who are always eager to move on the enemy's works, indicate that the leaders are "back from Elba," and that there will be a great upheaval within the party.

The Republicans of this State know their true leaders and will follow them. Insignificant and common-place politicians, who are constantly exalting themselves by magnifying some little service they have done the party, have in secret conferences concocted schemes against the leaders who are again coming to the front at the earnest solicitation of the people, and have endeavored by stealth and by fraud to circulate vile falsehoods against the leaders whose honor as men is untarnished, whose manhood has been tested in the times that tried men's souls, whose achievements in the past make a brilliant record in the history of the party in this State.

The people know these "Convention manipulators," who are engaged in this little guerrilla warfare,—they have weighed them and they are found wanting in leadership. They dare not come out boldly and openly, but sneak into some dark corner and there bore some unwilling listener with a whispered attack on some leader in whose presence they quail.

It is a hopeful sign to see our local political organizations which have been heretofore engaged in a bitter war of factions, asserting their independence against "Boss dictation," by uniting on present issues; earnestly petitioning the immediate removal of improper and obnoxious persons from the service of the Federal Government and recommending the appointment of our true and tried friends who have never wavered during the fiercest storm and who were the pioneers in the organization of the party in this State.

Our journal has endeavored to be plain and blunt in the advocacy of the principles of the party of human rights, and our course has been approved by all true Republicans and finally endorsed by the Party Organizations of this city. We have not dodged the real issue in proxy platitudes nor attempted to extenuate the circumstances which have brought about the present deplorable condition of the Party in this State by apologizing in "glittering generalities," but have without fear or favor, and in the darkest hour, spoken to the people boldly and plainly and our course has been approved by their unanimous endorsement. Already we see active leaders, men of commanding influence in business and social circles, who were retired during the Hayes regime, coming from the seclusion of their counting-rooms, to marshal the Republican forces into an aggressive army and to lead the legion of Twenty Thousand majority to victory. We say to the Republican masses of Louisiana to organize and prepare for an active canvass in the several Congressional districts, for the Leaders are coming to the front.

In our next issue we will publish the affidavit of Mr. John McCone, late foreman of the Rolling Room of the Mint, who affirms that Trade Dollars were fraudulently substituted for Standard Dollars by the present Superintendent of the Mint.

Hon. P. F. Herwig has received the unanimous endorsement of the Republican organizations of this city for appointment as Superintendent of the Mint.

At a fair given by St. Augustine (colored) Catholic church of Washington D. C., this week, Mrs. General Sherman presided over one of the tables.

THE DEMOCRATS OF THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The Democrats of the Third Congressional District composed of the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, Iberia, Iberville, Lafourche, Terrebonne, St. Mary, St. Martin, Lafayette, Cameron, Calcasieu and Vermilion, have had a meeting of their District Committee, and issued a call for a convention to meet here in the city of New Orleans on the 20th, to nominate a Congressman to represent that District in the 48th Congress, if elected. The call is a novel one, none having been issued in this manner and form heretofore. Certainly all former precedents show that no call has passed from a State or District Committee to the ward clubs with out a recognition of the right of the Parish Committee to perform in part its duty in directing the execution of the call, through ward elections to a parish Convention to elect these delegates to the District State Convention, the prima facie evidence of whose right to a seat in the latter is furnished by the very body this committee has entirely lost sight of, or ignored.

The convention which will assemble here next Monday, will no doubt be a very large one, each ward in the several parishes is entitled to one delegate, without regard to its votes, in consequence of which a ward of twenty voters will be just as influential as the ward of six hundred voters; nor is this all that comes of this new apportionment. The 1200 voters in Lafourche will have in that convention double the representation that the 1600 voters in St. Mary will have. This new method is by no means a just and equitable one.

It is said that "the early bird catches the worm." How true this will hold in this instance, time alone can tell; but we would predict that it is the late bird who will in this case, catch the worm.

Among the many prominent men in the District, spoken of as candidates, are Hon. A. J. Perry of Iberia, Judge Clegg of Lafayette, J. H. Shaw of Vermilion, Judge Brent of Ascension, Pugh of Assumption, Hon. Ed. McCollum of Terrebonne, Hons. J. H. Acklen and Murphy J. Foster of St. Mary. Really, there are but two or three formidable candidates in this contest, Hon. E. McCollum of Terrebonne, Hons. M. J. Foster and J. H. Acklen of St. Mary, all of whom are young men and much in favor among the young men of their sections with out regard to their politics or color.

Mr. McCollum is said to be very wealthy and a very liberal Democrat, being well liked by the colored people of Terrebonne for his generous disposition and conciliating spirit toward them. Mr. Foster is a young and very brilliant lawyer, well off and without political foes in his party at home. His popularity at home is attested by comparing his vote for the Senate and that of his associates on the same ticket, he carrying off two thirds of the Republican vote. His moderation and liberality have won him many friends. As for Mr. Acklen, he is well known in the District, having twice represented it in Congress, getting in first by a recount of the votes in Iberville in 1876 and beating both Messrs. Hebert and Merchant in 1878. From all present indication it looks as though Mr. Acklen will have no trouble in securing the much coveted prize; though it is possible that some dark horse may carry off the prize. However Mr. Acklen's past experience in politics makes him as formidable and dangerous an opponent as any party could wish to have, and should he be successful in his aspirations the Republicans will have all the work they can desire to stem the tide of his tireless efforts and irrepressible courage. Votes are not to be had in a sphere above the voter, and no man has studied this face of our politics better and to better advantage than Mr. Acklen. This District being so largely Republican it can not be expected to be carried by the Democrats without some considerable defection in the Republican ranks.

In the gubernatorial contest when the Democrats strained every effort to carry the State, Judge Beattie carried the District by 5700 majority over Gov. Wiltz. In the Presidential election of 1880 owing to trouble in the ranks of the opposition the Republicans carried it by 6200. On the strength of parties it is not over 3500 Republican majority, if that much. In the five other districts in the State nothing is being done by either party. There is nothing like being unanimous, and the unanimous Democracy want the delegation in Congress unanimously unanimous once more.

PARTIES.

"All government, indeed every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue, and every prudent act, is founded on compromise and barter."—BRADY.

Government, by which I mean the regulation of society, in conformity either to recognized ideas, traditions, customs, or prescribed laws, is indispensable to the existence of society. Its necessity is felt, and its authority conceded in the ruler as well as in the higher development of social organism. Differing in form as originally evolved from the rudimentary ideas of unorganized herds of savages, through every stage of progression up to the highest conception of social order; in substance it is always the same: its purpose is restraint—the subordination of man's individual freedom to the exigencies of social life. Hence, government, in its best as well as under its worst forms, is a necessary evil.

As government is indispensable to social existence, so, party organizations are the sine qua non of free government: from the interest a public affairs which they arouse, spring the rigid scrutiny of men and measures, and the collision of ideas out of which "the sober, second thought of the people is elicited." It was well said by that staunch Republican, Thomas Jefferson, in his Inaugural Address; "Error of opinion may be tolerated when reason is left free to combat it;" and under genuine, democratic government, popular reason is freest where political parties are the more evenly balanced. By such a division of public sentiment, patriotism is fostered, more partisanship kept in check, and the rule of official rectitude is made more closely to conform to the moral standard of private life.

In the early days of our republic, the administration of public affairs, whether State or Federal, was entrusted to men of eminent ability. Its representatives of

"Men who their duties know, But know their rights, and, knowing, dare maintain."

But, the abuse of party organization has reversed the golden rule of republican statesmanship: "Principles, not Men;" and substituting greed of political power in the place of zeal for the public good, has tainted our entire system of government with venality and corruption.

Hence the growing conviction in the public mind that the stability of representative government needs a radical change in the relation of partisan organization to the administration of public affairs; or, in other words—"Civil Service Reform."

The origin of political parties in this country dates back to the year 1782. At that time public opinion was divided between those who, like Washington, Hancock and Jay, favored a strong national government, and were known as Federalists; and others styled Republicans who, agreeing with Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe, desired to limit the federal power, and to improve that of the people. The Constitution, which for nearly a century has been the supreme law of the land, is the result of a compromise of those conflicting views. One of the delegates from New Hampshire to the convention that framed the Constitution, writing to a friend under date of September 18, 1788, referring to that instrument, says: "It is the best that could meet the unanimous concurrence of the States in convention."

It was done by bargain and compromise; yet, notwithstanding its imperfections, on the adoption of it depends, in my feeble judgment, whether we shall become a respectable nation, or people born to pieces by intestine commotion, and rendered contemptible for ages."

That we are not a people torn to pieces by intestine factions, is owing to the fact that when the so-called Democratic Party abandoned the Constitution, the people governed by "a law higher than the Constitution—the law of self-preservation—instinctively rallied in defense of the fundamental ideas of our polity as expressed in our national motto: *E Pluribus Unum*.

The Federal Party came to an end in 1820, a year memorable as the date of the Missouri Compromise: the first significant episode in the "irrepressible conflict" between slavery and freedom. Ten years later the Jackson, or, as it was afterwards called, Democratic Party came into existence, in antagonism to what was known as the Whig Party. From that era dates the origin of the vicious, partisan principle first enunciated during Jackson's administration: "To the victors belong the spoils," and the consequent demoralization of American politics.

From 1829 to 1861, out of nine federal administrations, six were Democratic. In May 1854, the distinguished Democrat, Stephen A. Douglass as Chairman of the Committee on Territories, introduced into the Senate of the United States a political firebrand in the shape of a bill repealing the 'Missouri Compromise'; admitting the States of Kansas and Nebraska to the Union, and permitting the people themselves to decide whether their States should or should not allow slavery within their limits. This action of the Democratic party, in the interest of slavery, aroused intense excitement at the North which ultimately gave birth to the Republican Party.

As to the Democratic, better known now as the Bourbon Party, at the close of Buchanan's disastrous administration which it conspired to crown with lasting infamy, it ceased to have a substantial existence in American politics. Its semblance which harnessed the minds of factious politicians, is but a phantasm—the ghost of a defunct 'Confederacy'. But, the party which stood by the flag of the Union, revived the spirit of patriotism, maintained the Federal Constitution, and crushed Secession—until the normal bent of popular sentiment in the South resumes its sway and relieves the 'Old Guard' from duty—will continue to patrol the arena of politics, in order to guarantee domestic tranquility, stable prosperity, and genuine peace to all citizens in every section of our great republic.

VINDICATED.

UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED.

THE COURSE OF THE LOUISIANIAN APPROVED.

Since the publication of resolutions in our paper showing the feeling among Republicans of the city regarding the contemplated dismissal of M. V. Davis as Superintendent of the Mint, our position has been seriously and violently assailed by the friends of Mr. Davis, and it has been argued by them that the Republicans of this parish would at an early day repudiate our course. With an eye single to the best interests of our people, we anxiously awaited results. The Parish Executive Committee presided over by Col. James Lewis, was called in special session to investigate the charges published in the LOUISIANIAN. A special committee was appointed, and on last Tuesday evening the following report was presented and adopted by a decisive vote of 16 yeas to 3 nays: To the President and Members of the Parish Executive Committee, Parish of Orleans.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee has found upon examination that the very serious charges made against M. V. Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, a portion of which was published in the LOUISIANIAN, have been sworn to by witnesses of reputable standing in this community, sworn to before the

Clerk of the U. S. District Court here.

As to the strict merit of these charges, which embrace, we understand, the gravest possible offenses, such as FORGERY, IMMORALITY, and the criminal substitution of TRADE DOLLARS for STANDARD DOLLARS.

Some of these charges, whilst being most severe and damaging, are yet of such a delicate nature that we feel a hesitancy in pushing the investigation further.

Believing, therefore, that a higher tribunal than this Committee, possessing the necessary judicial power to force, if need be, unwilling witnesses before its bar, should conduct such an investigation, and believing that the high morals of our governmental system, demand a strict and accurate accountability on the part of its sworn public servants of all trusts confided to their keeping. We therefore feel convinced that our judicial officers here, in the interest of fair play, will assume control of a matter of this kind, of so much importance to the general public and of such vital interests to the Republican party.

We beg, in conclusion, to state further, that so far as the statement made that the resolutions printed in the LOUISIANIAN did not contain the names of the Presidents and Secretaries of our Republican Ward Organizations, that after a careful and thorough investigation, we find that the resolutions published in the journal above referred to, on the emphatic statement of the gentleman in charge of the paper, was not an anonymous communication, but on the contrary, bears the bona fide signatures of representatives Republicans, the Presidents and Secretaries of many of the wards of this Parish, and before any Court of competent jurisdiction proof clear and convincing of this fact will be produced.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) CICERO BRIDGES,
Chairman;
THOS. J. BOSWELL,
W. W. JACKSON.

Also the following resolutions were introduced by Mr. Jno. W. Edwards of the 9th Ward:

Whereas as members of the Representative Republican Organization of the Parish of Orleans, ever mindful and watchful as to the interests of our party, believing that integrity, probity, fitness and ability should be the essential characteristics of our federal officials, and Whereas, certain grave charges have been made against the public prints against M. V. Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint in this City; and Whereas, the sworn affidavits of reliable citizens of our community are at present on file at the Department in the City of Washington, reflecting severely upon the moral standing of the present incumbent, and charging specifically that the said M. V. Davis has committed a grave offence against the dignity of our Government by a criminal substitution of Trade Dollars for Standard Dollars, Whilst he was acting as Coiner in the said U. S. Mint, and

Whereas, believing that the purity of our Government will be seriously impaired and the moral progress of our Party Organization hampered and hindered by the continuation in power of persons so publicly stigmatized as representatives of so important a branch of our federal system, Therefore be it Resolved, That we the Parish Executive Committee, in Special Session, convened, in the interest of justice and with an earnest desire to protect the high calling of our Federal Officials do hereby urgently call the attention of our judicial officers here to the severe allegations made against the present Superintendent of the Mint.

Resolved further, That we respectfully petition His Excellency, the President of the United States and our honorable Representatives in Congress to take speedy action in the premises. On Wednesday evening, the City Committee, presided over by Chas. H. Bibb, met in special session and adopted the following resolutions: Whereas as Members of the Republican Parish and City Committee for the Parish of Orleans, with a deep and abiding faith in the principles of our Great Party, with a fervent hope for the perpetuation of our National Republican Administration, with a sincere interest in our Public Institutions, and believing that the upright men, reflecting the dignity and purity of our Government should be protected in office as Federal Representatives, and believing that when these needed essential characteristics are prostituted through the exercise of immoral practices and the wilful commission of criminal offenses by any of our public officials, that it behooves our Party Representatives to take special and immediate steps to remedy the evils complained of.

Therefore be it Resolved, That inasmuch as M. V. Davis, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, is charged by competent, reliable and reputable citizens of this community, some of whose characters have stood the test of thirty odd years commencing with our best people in the performance of arduous scientific labors, with the commission of the gravest possible offenses, such as Forgery, gross immoralities and Criminal Substitution of Trade Dollars for Standard Dollars, and further, with the appointment of improper persons to office of notorious unfitness, and the appointment of others who are outspoken and virulent opponents of the Republican Party.

Knowing and feeling the great and paramount necessity for unity and harmony in our Party Organization, believing that our future success will be seriously hindered and the necessary discipline of our party destroyed by the continuation in office of persons whose honor as gentlemen and whose integrity as public officers, stands so seriously and so severely impeached as does that of the present Superintendent of the U. S. Mint.

Therefore be it Resolved, That reflecting as we do the sentiment and desire of the Republicans in the Parish of Orleans, We hereby earnestly, though respectfully

petition His Excellency the President of the United States for the prompt removal of M. V. Davis as Superintendent of the Mint for the betterment of the Federal service," feeling satisfied that our judicial officers here will take immediate and effective measures to protect and vindicate the dignity and integrity of our Government Service.

(Signed) R. T. WHEELER, 4th Ward.
Resolved, That in the judgement of this City Committee it is to the interest of the Republican Party that its best and safest men be placed in high official position.

Therefore be it Resolved that we respectfully request the State Central Executive Committee of the Republican Party to declare vacant the seat of M. V. Davis, as a member of its honorable body, for a gross dereliction of party duty.

(Signed) J. A. ROCKETT, 8th Ward.
With an unanimity seldom seen, and amid enthusiastic cheers, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved That the Republican City Committee of the Parish of Orleans, endorse our true and tried friend, Hon. P. F. Herwig for Superintendent of the New Orleans Mint.

(Signed) JAS. THOMAS, 2d Ward.

The above showing is a very complimentary one for us, demonstrating clearly that upon all questions materially affecting our people, we have always been found foremost in our efforts to represent the best wishes of the Republicans. On the other hand the fact is clearly shown, that Mr. Davis stands repudiated by both of the representative Republican organizations of the city, the unanimous verdict of Republicans being, that he must go for the "betterment of the Federal service."

[Communicated.]
MORGAN CITY, La., Feb'y., 10th 1882.
DEAR EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

I see by the papers that Governor Pinchback will soon be appointed Surveyor of the Port at New Orleans, and we are glad to see that the President is willing to recognize our race by appointment to prominent positions in his gift. Surely no man is more deserving and worthy of the proposed honor or can better represent the wishes of our people than Governor Pinchback. His record as a Republican, true to the best interest of his race is not to be surpassed. His actions have always been for the best interest of our people, and in accordance within the pale of each future event that has happened, since the days of Reconstruction. No man can give him a record among us, because we all know him and Col. James Lewis too well and when it cost something to be a Republican, they were found side by side in the cause risking their lives under the flag, for the freedom of our people. Yet we have been called upon to trounce them and mar their good name, by joining in with those who for personal ends have sought to do so. It is from the level of the calm that all depths and heights are measured, and we have only to look from the calm, impassionate reason, above, and beyond the smoke and fog of the slanderer's arena, to the greatness of the man we seek, to comprehend his purpose and award him a fair, and impartial trial on the merits of his efforts.

He struck back when struck, and with all his might and we admire any man who has the moral courage to do it and particularly if colored. We see by the dailies and your last issue that the fight for better treatment of colored men in the Mint is renewed. We are glad of it. Our people have not been treated right by our Federal Officials in New Orleans. We have very efficient and competent young colored men, but can get nothing for them to do although they have rendered valuable service to the party here.

There is our personal friend G. K. M. Newman, who risked his life in defense of the party here, on whose sacrifice the party owes its very existence, still going unwarded for by the dispenser of patronage. We at Morgan City have great interest in him because this his home and we would gladly recommend him because he is a stalwart Republican, outspoken in his convictions and as invincible in courage as he is warm hearted and sincere in all of his intercourse with those who learn to know him.

Mr. J. B. Verdon, our Clerk of Court, and Mrs. Maria E. Smith, wife of Hos. W. B. Smith, passed through here enroute for the city, where she will stay for a month with her daughter Mrs. Sara E. Newman, wife of our ex-Clerk of Court G. B. M. Newman.

During the Mardi-Gras you will have P. M. A. Davis, J. B. Verdon, Wm Jones, Judge W. S. Posey and Hon. M. S. Jackson in your city. Heaven bless them and Isle of Cypress.

Yours truly,
ALEXANDER REASON.

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(Continued.)

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 9, 1882.

EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

The Republicans of this city, for the first time in several years, are manifesting an active interest in the reorganization and success of the party. Preparations for the approaching election of officers of this city, are quietly maturing, and the outlook is promising for the presentation of a complete and regular Republican ticket.

On Monday night, 6th inst., in compliance with a call made by B. T. Beauregard, President first ward club, and Anthony Benjamin, President second ward club, a mass meeting of the Republican voters of the two wards was held, for the purpose of considering the propriety of nominating a straight Republican ticket to be voted for at the municipal election in April next. Capt. J. S. Chapman was, unanimously chosen as presiding officer of the meeting, who, on assuming the chair, stated its objects. A resolution was then adopted declaring the intention of the Republicans of this city to nominate and support regular Republican candidates.

Mr. B. Baranco offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a Committee of nine to conduct the municipal campaign. Mr. Benjamin proposed an amendment instructing the Committee to present to the meeting plans for making requisite nominations and the time and place for perfecting them, which plans shall be acted upon by the voters of the wards in mass-meeting for which at least five days' notice shall be given.

Mr. J. H. B. Schoonmaker offered an amendment instructing the Chairman of the meeting to call meetings of the Clubs of 1st and 2d Wards for the purpose of enrollment of Republican voters. Mr. J. S. Williams offered amendment to increase the number on the Committee to fifteen. Mr. Baranco, objecting to these amendments, a discussion ensued between him and Mr. Schoonmaker, the latter declaring that the Republicans demanded that all actions taken in regard to the conducting of the campaign shall be open and above-board, as to command the confidence of the people and to assure peace and harmony.

The expression of these sentiments was greeted with decided marks of approval. The resolutions with the amendments proposed, were adopted. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the President.

REPUBLICAN.

PRESS NOTES.

The Philadelphia Press has a colored correspondent on its staff. Brooklyn colored people want a colored man on the Board of Education. Phillip A. White, the candidate, is said to be worth one hundred thousand dollars.—Conservator.

Bourbonism is no longer reliably cohesive in a single Southern State. The Liberal movement in Virginia has sown the seeds of discontent everywhere, and the best elements in the South are restive under Democratic coercion.—Carson (Nev.) Index.

The Boston Traveller: "The Republican newspapers are evidently inclined to deal with Mr. Blaine, but they speak with a firmness and an unanimity that cannot fail to convince him that he does not have their sympathy in his present attitude toward the administration, and may not be sure of their forbearance if he assumes a more marked attitude of hostility."

John Shafer is the name of an enterprising colored citizen of Jamestown, Dakota Ter., who is the proprietor of a fancy goods store and estimated to be worth \$100,000. He is 32 years of age, was raised and educated at Tiffin, Ohio, but has resided in Dakota for the past four years. He is also the owner of a barber shop in the same town and is held in high respect by all who know him.—Ex.

Committee still in session: "Rufus, who come to yo' brudder?" "Wha' brudder yo' mean, mammy?" "Wha' brudder?" Now, Rufus, is yo' gwan intermate dat dare been a fresher o' boys in yo' family?" "No, mammy, I haint."

intermatin', but yo' knows d'ole man tuk seben ob'em off on a clam hunt dis mornin', an' nine ob de res' ha'n't com' hum fo'm las' night's coon rumpus, an' free ob de balance is down wid de messles, ah yes' yo' means Clem, dis kermitee cant gib no repo't."—Rome Sentinel.

WASHINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY.—A number of ladies and gentlemen met last night at the residence of Dr. A. T. Augusta and effected a reorganization of the Washington Musical Society by electing Mr. Henry Johnson, president; Mr. C. A. Fleetwood, vice-president; Dr. A. T. Augusta, treasurer; Mr. F. Hymen, recording secretary, and Dr. John Francis, corresponding secretary. The above, together with Messrs. C. A. Lamar, M. M. Holland, and C. H. Davis, constitute the executive board. Professor Fred Wildows was unanimously invited to serve as conductor, and Miss Blanche Washington, pianist. The membership embraces Madame Smallwood, the celebrated soprano of St. Augustine's Church, of this city; Miss Thigman, the leading soprano of Fifteenth-street Presbyterian Church, and other noted musical celebrities among our colored citizens.—Republican.

Nothing is hazarded in saying that ninety-nine per cent of the thoughtful colored men of the country will endorse what Lieutenant-Governor Haskins, of New York, said at a recent meeting of the Grant Club:

"Your club takes the name of the most illustrious statesman and soldier of modern times. [Cheers]. One who more than any other has helped make this land of freedom safe from the assault of foes without or foes within. [Cheers]. I am proud to-night to be known as a member of the Grant Club, and I shall salute you as friends—friends socially and friends politically—and I am proud, eye, more proud than of any one political act of a life filled with political experience, to be reckoned as one of the 306 who stood through thirty-six ballots at Chicago."—Recorder.

Local.

Beautiful, balmy weather!

Surprising isn't it? No marriage notice this week!

Miss Jeanette S. Davis, arrived from Pearlburg during the week.

Mr. James D. Kennedy is expected to arrive in the city to-morrow.

Rev. Davage is holding a revival at St. Paul Church on Liberty street.

Hundreds of people go daily to see the whale now on exhibition at the head of Canal street.

The city is rapidly filling up with strangers from all parts of the country to witness the Carnival.

Ex-Representative George Washington, of Assumption, has been appointed Day Inspector of Customs.

Mrs. H. Pratt arrived from Vicksburg last Thursday and is the guest of Mrs. J. Ross Stewart.

Resignations and suspensions seem to be the order of the day in the Post Office.

Mr. Felix Berhel has been appointed a clerk in the Surveyor General's office.

Mrs. M. M. McLeod, of Jackson, Miss., is registered at the Perkins House.

The parade of the Knights of Momus, Thursdays night was a magnificent pageantry.

Mr. Joseph C. Wood, of Natchez, Miss., is in the city for the Carnival.

Gov. Warmoth, arrived from his plantation last Thursday evening and registered at the St-Charles.

We will remind the old Soothsayer of the proverb that, He who laughs last, laughs best.

Hon. R. J. Walker, of Tensas, will sojourn with us for awhile. This pleasing intelligence will be gladly received by his many friends in this city.

We are pleased to note that Capt. Peter Joseph of the Night Inspectors of Customs has recovered from his severe illness.

Marshal law has been declared in our sanctum, and we advise all visitors not to enter unless they can give the countersign.

Miss L. Francis and Miss F. Sanders, of Madison Parish, La., arrived on the steamer White, Wednesday evening, and are the guests of Mrs. Lewis, Melpomene street.

We are pleased to note the arrival of Mr. Thornton Montgomery, Treasurer of Warren county, Miss. Mr. Montgomery is with us to enjoy the festivities of the Carnival.

Our popular young friend, Mr. John W. Cook, the efficient mail agent on the route between New Orleans and Vicksburg has been granted a leave of absence for ten days.

Miss Emma F. Stothard, a charming young lady from Nashville, Tenn., will arrive to-morrow, and will be the guest of Mrs. Louis T. Kenner, 3890 Conti street.

The Carnival Ball of the JEUNESSE AMIS on next Monday night, Lundi-Mars, will be the grandest social event of this year season. We anticipate a large gathering of the elite our American and Creole circles. The personnel of the Committee of Arrangements is a guarantee that good order will be preserved and that the merry makers will have a gay time.

The Annual Fair at St. Philip's Chapel for the benefit of the church, will close on Monday evening next. On Saturday evening there is to be an extra concert by the Harmonies, with the price of admission only 15 cents. There is a very pretty baton to be presented by the ladies to Prof. G. H. Fayerweather, musical director, and all are invited to assist the ladies in realizing a large sum on it.

At a regular meeting of the Third Ward Central Republican Club held on the 4th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term, viz:

President John Lewis, 1st. Vice-President F. C. Antoine, 2d. Vice-President W. C. Oliver, 3rd. Vice-President G. F. Ladd, 4th. Vice-President G. P. Nelson, Secretary C. H. Cripps, Assistant Secretary John Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary Aaron Clark, Treasurer George Devezin, Grand Marshal Moses Kellum, Members Parish Committee Patrick Greagh and Louis Smith.

ST JAMES HALL.

The entertainment given at St. James Hall on last Friday and Saturday evening under the management of Mrs. J. Ross Stewart was a grand success. Too much praise cannot be accorded to Miss Effie Hobby and Eva Green and to Messrs Hawkins and Bradford for their rendition of the ever popular song "Sweet Bye and Bye." The tables were beautifully decorated and were bountifully provided with every delicacy that the most fastidious might desire. Mrs. J. Ross Stewart Mrs. A. M. Green, Mrs. Frank did the honors.

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